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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 119 appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/54/508 and Add. 1 and 2.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item, in particular the question of the relationship between the treatment of perennial activities in the programme budget and the use of the contingency fund, at its 74th meeting, on 2 June 2000. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/54/SR.74).

3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the relationship between the treatment of perennial activities in the programme budget and the use of the contingency fund (A/C.5/52/42) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/7/Add.9).

II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.5/54/L.84

4. At its 74th meeting, on 2 June, the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced a draft decision entitled "Relationship between the treatment of perennial activities in the programme budget and the use of the contingency fund" (A/C.5/54/L.84), which he submitted on behalf of the Chairman.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/54/L.84 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Relationship between the treatment of perennial activities in the programme budget and the use of the contingency fund

The General Assembly decides to defer consideration of the question of the relationship between the treatment of perennial activities in the programme budget and the use of the contingency fund to its resumed fifty-fifth session.